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Inventor: Leinsing et al.

Application No.: 09/998,383

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For: NEEDLE FREE MEDICAL  
CONNECTOR WITH EXPANDED  
VALVE MECHANISM AND  
METHOD OF FLUID FLOW CONTROL

Examiner: E. Keasel

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated February 10, 2004. Please  
amend and reconsider the above-referenced application.

Amendments to the claims start on page 2.

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